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SUBJ: STUDENT SITUATION AS OF APRIL 14

REF: SEOUL 2425

1. TWENTY-ONE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES IN SEOUL AREA HAVE EITHER SHUT THEIR DOORS OR BEEN ORDERED TO CLOSE DOWN BY ROKG. ALL MAJOR INSTITUTIONS ARE INCLUDED.

2. IN PAST WEEK, BOTH PRESIDENTS OF YONSEI AND KORYO SUBMITTED THEIR RESIGNATIONS TO RESPECTIVE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES (REFTEL). THEY WERE JOINED ON APRIL 12 BY SOGANG'S PRESIDENT FATHER JOHN DALY, HIS VICE PRESIDENT (CHOE SANG-OP) AND EIGHT OF HIS DEANS. REALIABLE UNIVERSITY SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 14 THAT THE SOGANG ADMINISTRATION RESIGNED IN FACE OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ULTIMATUM TO EXPEL NINE STUDENTS AND SUSPEND SEVEN INDEFINITELY. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, THEY DECIDED TO RESIGN AND SHUT DOWN OPERATIONS RATHER THAN SUBMIT TO GOVERNMENT PRESSURE. WHEN ADMINISTRATORS ASKED FOR ORDER TO EXPEL STUDENTS IN WRITING, ROKG REPORTEDLY REFUSED AND INSTEAD READ LISTS OF STUDENTS TO BE DISMISSED OVER THE TELEPHONE.

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3. MEDIA REPORTS THAT SUMMARY COURT HAS SENTENCED 103 STUDENTS FROM 13 UNIVERSITIES RANGING FROM FIVE TO TEN DAYS DETENTION SINCE APRIL 1. SIXTY-THREE STUDENTS REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN EXPELLED AND 42 SUSPENDED FROM 15 UNIVERSITIES. (YONSEI REPORTEDLY LOST 21; SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND SOGANG WERE TO LOSE NINE EACH.)

4. ONLY ONE HIGH SCHOOL HAS REPORTEDLY DEMONSTRATED SO FAR. FIVE HUNDRED PROTESTERS FROM SIN-IL HIGH SCHOOL DEMONSTRATED ON APRIL 12 AND LOCAL POLICE PROMPTLY PICKED UP 20 OF THEM.

5. STUDENT AT SNU AGRICULTURAL CAMPUS SUWON DIED APRIL 12 AFTER COMMITTING HARA-KIRI DURING DEMONSTRATION.
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